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TOPIC: <u>Training Activity and Spring Inspections in the Area of KVP Corps North</u>		
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- At about 8 p.m. on 4 May 1954, the AAA and AT units which had temporarily been stationed in the cantonment opposite the installation in Altwarps returned to their posts of Pasewalk and Stalberg, from where they had come prior to 26 April. Weapons observed with the troops included 4 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 ballistic director and 4 x 76-mm guns. On 4 May, the two units were inspected by high-ranking Soviet and KVP officers. During the inspections, the AAA fired at ground and air targets. The buildings were being reconditioned. 1
- On 6 May, 20 trucks occupied by KVP, including 1 radio truck and 1 field kitchen, passed through Eggesin from the direction of Ahlbeck.
- On 7 May, the KVP units in Eggesin and Karpin were inspected. Among the inspection committee there were Walter Ulbricht, Hermann Matern, Minister Stoph, General Hoffmann and Major General Montzsch. The same committee also inspected the KVP in Pasewalk.
- After 2 May, several generals and high-ranking field-grade officers of the KVP and Soviet officers were observed in the area of Division Eggesin. The officers daily left for the terrain in sedans, during which time the roads were blocked for civilian traffic and guarded by a KVP escort.
- Between 4 and 7 May, KVP conducted field exercises in the Eggesin - Karpin area which were witnessed by high-ranking Soviet and KVP officers. A column occupied by KVP and Soviet officers daily drove toward the wooded area from the direction of Eggesin. The exercises involved infantry, artillery and tanks. During the night of 4 May, a night practice was held in the Spachthorn - Karpin area. During the training period, the training area was cordoned off and guarded.
- Between 3 and 7 May, all roads in the Torgelow-Eggesin-Karpin area were blocked by sentries. On 3, 6 and 7 May, a column of 8 to 10 sedans occupied by high-ranking Soviet and KVP officers was seen en route from Eggesin to Karpin and vice versa. The officers inspected KVP troops. After 9 p.m. on 7 May, a night practice was held in the area west of Karpin.
- On 7 and 8 May, KVP installations in the Torgelow area were inspected by GDR government officials.

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8. Numerical designations of AVP installations in the area of Armeegruppe Nord, such as No I in Pasewalk, No III in Prora, etc. were changed. The following changes became known so far:
- Installation Eggesin, previously VII, now 801
  - Installation Marpin, previously VIII, now 803
  - Installation Spechtberg, previously IX, now 804
  - Installation Altwarp, previously X, now 802.

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9. Between 21 April and 6 May, Installation Marpin was occupied as follows:
- Section A: by a heavy mortar unit with more than 60 mortars and, presumably, by an engineer unit.
  - Section B: by an artillery regiment and reconnaissance battalion. Major Borkowski was not in command of the artillery regiment, as previously reported.
  - Section C: by a mechanized regiment. Tanks were parked in the garages. The regimental commander, named Stechbarth, was at a course for commanding officers in Dresden for about half a year. During his absence, Major Borkowski was his deputy.
  - Section D: presumably by a mechanized regiment. Weapons observed include tanks and light AT guns which were parked in two new garages.
  - Section E: by light AT artillery which was parked in 3 new garages. More tanks and armored personnel carriers were parked in "Eggesin 10".

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10. On 8 May, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne on Norden Strasse in Schwerin quartered a AVP division headquarters and a signal communication battalion. The battalion numbered about 400 men who wore yellow-bordered black epaulets. It seemed that an infantry platoon of about 40 men who wore dark-red epaulets was employed as guard unit. The signal battalion engaged in training at radio sets, telephones and practiced the laying of lines.
11. At roll call on 26 April, the 2d Inf Regt under Lieutenant Colonel Waldner in the Juesillier Kaserne in Rostock numbered 360 officers and 835 NCOs and men.
12. From 24 to 26 April, the regiment was inspected by division commander Colonel Bleck and a colonel from the Ministry of the Interior. The troops were tested in firing with live ammunition with infantry weapons and AT guns, field training and theoretical instruction, especially in political indoctrination. Colonel Bleck expressed appreciation for the status of training reached.

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2. Comment. Report confirms the new installation numbers, as they were previously reported.

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3. Comment. Same source previously reported the reconnaissance battalion in Section A and the engineer battalion in Section B.

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4. Comment. The strength estimate with 400 men of the signal communication battalion is too high.

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